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SUBJECT: BOMBS AND BOMB THREATS CURTAIL "VICTORY AT ENTEBBE"
SHOWING

REF: 76 ATHENS 10613 (NOTAL)

1. BOMBS OR BOMB THREATS HAVE CAUSED A DOZEN ATHENS MOVIE THEATERS TO CANCEL ENGAGEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN-MADE FILM "VICTORY AT ENTEBBE". PAMPHLETS WERE SENT TO SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS BY "THE OCTOBER 1 GROUP", WHICH TOOK RESPONSIBILITY AND SAID THAT THE BOMBS AND THREATS WERE "IN SUPPORT OF THE URBAN GUERRILLA MOVEMENT". THE PAMPHLETS CLAIMED THAT THE PICTURE SLANDERS "URBAN GUERRILLAS" BY DEPICTING THE ISRAELI RAID AS AN ACT OF LIBERATION AND THE COMMANDOS WHO KILLED THE TERRORIST HIJACKERS AS HEROES.

2. THE FILM OPENED AT SEVERAL ATHENS THEATERS ON DECEMBER 27. APPARENTLY, ALL RECEIVED BOMB THREATS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE FOUND IN TWO THEATERS THAT EVENING AND IN A THIRD ON JANUARY 3. THE PAMPHLETS CLAIMED THAT THE DEVICES WERE NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BE DANGEROUS; HOWEVER,
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POLICE SPOKESMEN HAVE CHARACTERIZED THEM AS BOMBS. AT PRESENT ONLY ONE THEATER IN THE ATHENS AREA IS BELIEVED STILL SHOWING THE FILM. THIS PARTICULAR THEATER SHARES A BUILDING WITH A LOCAL POLICE STATION IN PIRAEUS. REPORTEDLY, THE FILM IS ALSO BEING SHOWN IN THESSALONIKI AND IN PATRAS. THERE HAVE BEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT ARAB STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY IN PATRAS HAVE ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE FILM.

COMMENT: GERMAN TERRORIST ROLF POHLE WAS EXPRADICTED FROM ATHENS
TO THE FRG ON OCTOBER 1, 1976 (REFTEL). THE GROUP APPARENTLY
DERIVES ITS NAME FROM THAT DATE.
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